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two martyrs belonging to the Red Flag and the working class and other sections of the people also contributed their mite for the liberation of Mahe?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"Sir, whoever contributed to the liberation of the French territory of Mahe, one thing is quite clear. The Communists retarded the liberation to a certain extent. All these things apart, liberation has taken place and we have allowed everybody to enter Mahe now."

SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—"Are the Government aware of the fact that it is the Mahajana Sabha consisting of Congressmen and Socialists that participated in the liberation movement and the Reds most probably were prevented by a guilty conscience from being there?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"I have already stated that because of the activities of the Communists, the liberation was retarded; but for their activities, we would have had the liberation a little earlier."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—"Sir, I want to know from the Hon. Minister whether it is a fact that on that day, the Congress volunteers stood by the side of the Reserve Constables and it was on their advice the Reserve Constables and the Malabar Special Police obstructed certain kinds of volunteers entering Mahe? Was this done owing to guilty conscience or owing to political prejudice?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"Sir, no such discrimination was made. As a matter of fact, hon. Members found themselves inside Mahe. Therefore, I do not think there is any room for any complaint."

Floating of open market loan.

*61 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the reason why the loan referred to in paragraph 11 of the Finance Minister's Budget Speech on 26th February 1954 has not yet been floated?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"As the Government of India agreed to meet the essential capital requirements of this State out of the proceeds of the National Plan Loan issued by them recently, the Government have decided not to raise a new open market loan during the current year as originally contemplated. This was announced in a Press Note issued on the 23rd April 1954."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—"கனம் மந்திரியார் அவர்கள் டில்லியில் டெவலப்மெண்ட் போர்ட் மீட்டிங்கு நடக்கும்போது, திட்டங்களை நடத்த பணம் இல்லையென்று சொன்னார். அப்படியிருக்கும்போது ஏன் மத்திய சர்க்காரை இந்த மாகாண சர்க்கார் நம்பியிருக்க வேண்டும் ? ஏன் இங்கேயே கடன் எழுப்பலாகாது ?"

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, we wanted to raise a loan of Rs. 5 crores in the open market. That amount has been allotted to us from the National Development Loan. What does it matter whether we raise it ourselves or get it through the Government of India? But there are certain advantages in the Government of India raising it for us because the rate of interest is a little bit cheaper when it is raised by the Government of India."

Pest attack on paddy cultivation in South Kanara.

* 62 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that many acres of cultivated land in Hosdrug and Nileshwar firkas in Kasaragod taluk, South Kanara district, were affected by pests in May and June 1954; and

(*b*) if so, the preventive measures taken by the Government?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Nearly 150 acres of land in Nileshwar and Hosdrug firkas were affected by swarming caterpillar pest during May and June 1954.

"(*b*) Immediately on receipt of information about the pest outbreak the Plant Protection staff and the local field staff of the Agricultural Department were deputed to inspect the area and arrange for control measures. Insecticides and pesticides were sold at the concessional rate of 50 per cent of the cost price. The pest was completely controlled by the first week of June 1954."

* 63 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the extent of land affected by the recent pest attack on paddy cultivation in Hosdrug sub-taluk, South Kanara district; and

(*b*) what steps the Government have taken to prevent the same?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to the starred question No. 62 put by Sri K. P. Gopalan, M.L.A., on the same subject."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" As the peasants have incurred much loss due to the pest attack, will the Government consider the desirability of granting land revenue remission in that particular area? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" That is a different question, Sir. It may be put separately."